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CARDBOARD CASE AND BLANK WITH TEAR-OFF WALL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the following references were cited in an International Search Report dated 29 December 2000: FR 2 778 635; US 3 533 549; US 5 641 551; US 5 402 933; DE 296 22 954 U; and GB 2 307 466. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

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English abstracts are provided for the following references: FR 2 778 635, DE 296 22 954; DE 92 10 565 U; DE 196 23 769; CH 652 093; FR 2 761 342; EP 0 637 548; EP 0 409 366; and DE 91 05 890 U.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), the specifications, drawings, and claims for co-pending applications: Serial No. 09/980,925, filed 18 October 2002, are provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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